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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows and consider the following remarks. This Response is accompanied by a Petition for Two Months Extension of Time up to and including April 1, 2005, Fee Transmittal for additional claims, and reference "CE" (Smulder *et al.*, *Int. J. Biol. Macromol.*, 22: 187-96 (1998)) from the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 4, 2004 (Exhibit 1).

It is believed that no other fee(s) other than the fee for extension of two months time and a fee for additional claims is required for these submissions. However, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any other fee is due or that any refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge the required fee(s) and/or credit the refund(s) owed to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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